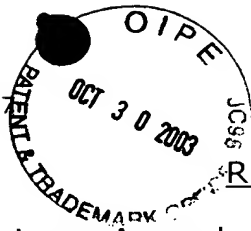


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By this Preliminary Amendment claim 30 has been amended to replace the phrase "metal pipe useful in delivering drinking water" with "metal drinking water pipe used for delivering drinking water" and to include the step of claim 41 (now canceled). New claim 49 has been added.

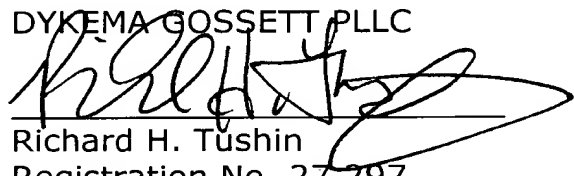
It is asserted that claims 30-41 and 49 are now allowable because Allen et al. is directed to treating metal pipes that carry corrosive fluids, and Burkes et al. would not suggest otherwise. The method of Burkes et al. would not in fact be useful for metal pipes carrying drinking water because of is alkaline treatment step.

Favorable review is requested.

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